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PETITION FOR REFUND OF EXCESS FEES

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a refund of the ~~\$162~~ extra claims fee submitted with the Preliminary Amendment received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 28, 2002 in view of the \$144 extra claims fee charged to our Deposit Account 02-2451 upon the filing of an amendment on June 27, 2002 in response to the Office Action of March 27, 2002. Support for this request is as follows:

The application was filed containing seven (7) independent claims for a filing fee of \$515.00. The Preliminary Amendment filed January 28, 2002 cancelled claims 1-7 and added new claims for a total of 38 claims, five of which were independent claims, and included a check for an extra claims fee of \$162.00 (18x\$9).

(Attached is a copy of our cancelled check number 1726.) The Office Action dated March 27, 2002 indicated that the Preliminary Amendment was not entered because the instructions for entry were not clear. Consequently, the Amendment and Response filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2002 cancelled the independent claims 1-7 as filed and added 36 new claims. Since we had previously paid for 38 total claims and seven independent claims, and the pending claims now numbered 36 total claims with five independent claims, no extra claims fee was deemed required. However, a debit of \$144.00 (16 claims x \$9.00) was made to our Deposit Account No. 02-2451.

Therefore, as evidenced by the copy of the canceled check enclosed herewith, an extra claims fee of \$162.00 was paid by the applicant and deposited by the PTO before the \$144.00 was debited to our Deposit Account. In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request a refund of the \$162.00 fee. Please credit our Deposit Account No. 02-2451 for the amount.

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